

custom lingered in Lycia down to the historical period;¹ and we may conjecture that in former times it was widely spread through Asia Minor. The secluded situation and rugged mountains of Lycia favoured the survival of a native language and of native institutions long after these had disappeared from the wide plains and fertile valleys which lay on the highroads of war and commerce. Lycia was to Asia Minor what the highlands of Wales and of Scotland have been to Britain, the last entrenchments where the old race stood at bay. And even among the Semites of antiquity, though father-kin finally prevailed in matters of descent and property, traces of an older system of mother-kin, with its looser sexual relations, appear to have long survived in the sphere of religion. At all events one of the most learned and acute of Semitic scholars adduced what he regarded as evidence sufficient to prove "that in old Arabian religion gods and goddesses often occurred in pairs,, the goddess being the greater, so that the god cannot be her Baal, that the goddess is often a mother without being a wife, and the god her son, and that the progress of things was towards changing goddesses into gods or lowering them beneath the male deity." ²

In Egypt the archaic system of mother-kin, with its Mothei preference for women over men in matters of property and inheritance, lasted down to Roman times, and it was tradi- Egypt.

¹ The Lycians traced their descent W. M. Ramsay, "The Permanence of through women, not through men ;Religion at Holy Places in the East," and among them it was the daughters. *The Expositor* November 1906, p. 475. not the sons, who inherited the family . Dr. L. Messerschmidt seems to think See Herodotus, i. 174; that the Lycians were

Hittites (*The*
 Nicoluus Damascenes, in Stobaeus, *Hittites*•, p. 20).
 Scholars are not
Florilcghthi xlv. 41 (*Fragmenta* agreed as to the family of
 speech to
lisloricorm *Craecontm*^ ed. C. which the Lycian
 language belongs.
 Müller, iii. 461); Plutarch, *DC -tinil-ie*-Some think that it was
 an Inclo-
runi virtniibits, 9. An ancient his-European tongue; but
 this view is
 torian even asserts that the Lycians now abandoned by Professor
 Ed. Meyer
 were ruled by women (*GK TraXcuoO* (*Geschichtc dcs Alter turns*
 ^). 2. p. 626).
yuvcltKOKpaTouvTai, Heraclidcs Ponticus,² W. Robertson Smith, *Kinship*
and
Frug. 15, in *Fragment a Historicor urn-Marriage in Early Arabia*^
 (London,
Gnucoritm.) ed. C. Müller, ii. 217). 1903), p. 306. The
 hypothesis of the
 Inscriptions found at Dalisandos, informer existence of mother-
 kin among
 Isauria, seem to prove that it was not the Semites is rejected by
 Professor
 unusual there to trace descent through Ed. Meyer (*Geschichte des*
Alttertumsf
 the mother even in. the third or thei. 2, p. 360) and W. W. Graf
 Baudissin
 fourth century after Christ. See Sir (*Adonis nnd JSstnun*, pp.
 46^.).